(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to exempt milk products from mandatory BIS certification; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) A draft notification to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 has been published in Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) of the Gazette of India. Extraordinary on 9th May, 2006 under G.S.R. 278(E) for inviting public comments.

By this draft notification the following amendments are proposed—

1. Revision of the standard of cream to harmonize with the Codex Standards.

2. Exemption of condensed milk sweetened, condensed skimmed milk sweetened, milk powder, skimmed milk powder, partly skimmed milk powder and partly skimmed sweetened condensed milk from the Mandatory BIS Certification under PFA Rules 1955.

Improving facilities at the burns ward of Safdarjung Hospital

3106. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the last ten years three Committees have been formed for improving the conditions of burns ward, Safdarjung Hospital

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the recommendations made by these Committees;

(c) what are the reasons for not pursuing the recommendations of the Committees;

(d) whether there is any shortage of medical facilities and machines etc. in burns ward, Safdarjung Hospital and if so, the details thereof and the arrangements made to overcome the same; and

(e) whether proper cleanliness is not maintained in burns ward endangering the life of patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Functioning of the Burns Department of the Safdarjung Hospital has been continuously reviewed. Three Committees had been constituted in the years 1996, 1999 and 2002 to look into the condition of the Burns Ward in Safdarjung Hospital. The Committees had made recommendations regarding the requirement of additional staff, provision of exclusively big ambulance, strengthening of burns department with latest equipments, linkage of burns ward with other students after completion of the course, training of paramedical staff and provision of clean bed sheets & blankets, etc. Most of the recommendations have been implemented. The Upgradation of the medical facilities including the strengthening of equipments is a continuous dynamic process and the same, are undertaken as per the need and available resources. All measures are regularly being taken for the maintenance of cleanliness which is supervised by designated officer in the burns ward of the Safdarjung Hospital.

Free treatement in Government hospitals

3107. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether free medical treatment is given in Government dispensaries and hospitals for the common people;

(b) if so, the programme in details;

(c) the per capita expenditure for medical treatment in Government establishments, State-wise and UT-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is a growing trend for getting admitted in private medical houses avoiding Government hospitals; and

(e) how Government are planning to improve facilities in Government hospitals to reverse the trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) In so far a Central Government Hospitals are concerned, free medical treatment are provided to the people irrespective of caste, creed and status. Health being a State subject, the responsibility of provision of free treatment is vested with the respective State Government.